

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments include editorial changes to the specification and the presentation of new claims 20-41 to replace cancelled claims 1-19.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the present amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

In view of the foregoing, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, the second paragraph at lines 6-8 has been amended as follows:

--Products such as[, for example,] lacquers, foams and gels are well known in the art for styling the hair by fixing the individual hairs to one another.--

Page 1, the fourth paragraph at lines 13-16 has been amended as follows:

--U.S. Patent [US 3 819 827 from] No. 3,819,827 by Wella discloses in particular products for setting of hair comprising from 0.2 to 6% by weight of aluminium oxide particles exhibiting a particle size of approximately 30 [m] mμ.--

Page 1, the last paragraph at lines 17-25 has been amended as follows:

--The inventors have [Applicant Company has] found, surprisingly and unexpectedly, that the use in an aerosol of nanoparticles comprising at least 10% by weight of alumina and exhibiting a number-average primary size of between 2 and 200 nm in a cosmetically acceptable medium makes it possible to give volume to the hair and to obtain styling without fixing and overloading the hair. The hair can then be styled and restyled at will while [a] retaining a natural appearance.--

Page 2 the first paragraph at lines 1-3 has been amended as follows:

--The term [«]“cosmetically acceptable medium”[»] is understood to mean a medium which is compatible with the hair but which also has a pleasant smell, appearance and feel.--

Page 3, the second full paragraph at lines 5-11 has been amended as follows:

--Within the meaning of the present invention, the term [«]“primary particle size”[»] is understood to mean the maximum dimension which it is possible to measure between two diametrically opposite points of an individual particle. The size can be determined by transmission electron microscopy or from the measurement of the specific surface area by the BET method.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Original claims 1-19 have been cancelled and new claims 20-41 substituted therefor.

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